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SUBJECT: SWEDISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON NAMIBIA

1. MFA RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON ON AUGUST 26 ("NAMIBIA DAY") ON SWEDISH POSITION VIS-A-VIS SITUATION IN NAMIBIA:

2. "TODAY WE ARE AGAIN REMINDED OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA. DESPITE A JUDGEMENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL COURT AND REPEATED DECISIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACIST REGIME REFUSES TO GRANT THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE THEIR INDEPENDENCE. INSTEAD, THE OPPRESSION HAS BEEN MORE SEVERE. FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH. EXTENSIVE MOCK TRIALS ARE STAGED, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MILITARY AND THE POLICE ARE INCREASED AND NAMIBIA IS USED AS A BASE FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION CAN BE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOLVED ONLY BY CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE

ENTIRE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. THEREFORE, THE LATEST PROPOSALS FOR THE SO-CALLED "INDEPENDENCE" FOR NAMIBIA MUST BE SHARPLY REJECTED. THEY OFFER ONLY AN APPARENT INDEPENDENCE. SOUTH AFRICA IS TRYING TO DIVIDE THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA INTO DIFFERENT GROUPS TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN CONTROL OVER THE COUNTRY. SOUTH AFRICA WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS ECONOMIC INFLUENCE AND DRAW OFF THE WEALTH OF NAMIBIA. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT SWAPO IN THE LATTER'S STRUGGLE FOR A TRULY INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. WE REGARD SWAPO AS THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE SPOKESMAN OF THE POEPL OF NAMIBIA. WHEN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL NEXT WEEK BEGINS ITS DEBATE ON NAMIBIA, WE WILL, AS EARLIER, WORK FOR AN EFFECTIVE POLICY OF SANCTIONS AND ISOLATION AGAINST NAMIBIA WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK. THROUGH SUCH PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA, THE WORLD ORGANIZATION CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA. THE LONGING OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE CANNOT BE SMOTHERED." SMITH

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